



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT(S) : Jörg Wirtz et al.  
TITLE : TROUGH PAN FOR A FACE  
CONVEYOR WITH A LOADING  
RAMP  
APPLICATION NO. : 10/512,019  
FILED : October 19, 2004  
CONFIRMATION NO. : 1952  
EXAMINER : Rashmi K. Sharma  
ART UNIT : 3651  
LAST OFFICE ACTION : December 29, 2006  
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. : SHEE 2 00038

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed December 29, 2006, on the above-referenced patent application, Applicant(s) respectfully request reconsideration of the application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.



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**EFS AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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| Ser. No.: 10/512,019 | Filed: October 19, 2004                                   | Examiner: R. Sharma |
| Art Unit: 3651       | Title: TROUGH PAN FOR A FACE CONVEYOR WITH A LOADING RAMP |                     |

To the Commissioner for Patents:

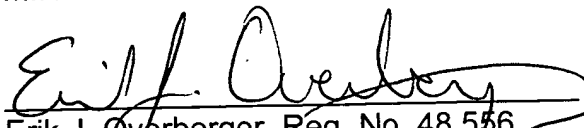
Transmitted herewith is an *Amendment* in the above-identified application. The fee(s) has/have been calculated as shown below.

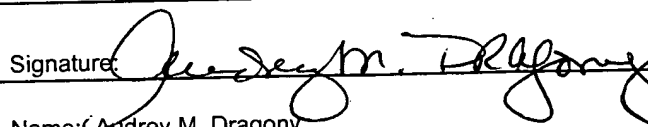
| CLAIMS AS AMENDED                   |   |       |                                    |                             |         |                 |
|-------------------------------------|---|-------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------|
|                                     | Claims remaining after amendment  |       | Highest Number Previously Paid For | No. of Extra Claims Present | Rate    | Additional Rate |
| Total Claims                        | 18  | Minus | 20                                 | 0                           | X \$50  | \$0.00          |
| Indep. Claims                       | 2   | Minus | 3                                  | 0                           | X \$200 | \$0.00          |
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Respectfully submitted,

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